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CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD**SOLANO COUNTY FAIR**

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Report of the Board of Stewards
To the California Horse Racing Board

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Report for the period Wednesday, July 16, 2008 through Monday, July 21, 2008.

Wednesday**07-16-08¹ TRAINER TEST**

Steward Grant Baker spent some of the morning in the stable area. Steward Baker and Trainer Rhoda March conducted a practical (barn) trainer test exam at Ms. March's barn.

07-16-08² ANTHONY AYALA REVIEW

Jockey **Anthony Ayala** appeared in the stewards' office to review his ride aboard the mule #3 BAR JF ROSEANNA in the first race Sunday, July 13. #3 BAR JF ROSEANNA finished second but was disqualified and placed fourth for interference.

Race replays show Jockey Ayala whip right handed one hundred yards after the start at which time his mule ducks in sharply. He corrected as soon as his charge moved off his straight path. No sanction was issued in this matter.

07-16-08³ RULING NO. 4 – DOROCHENKO

Owner / Authorized Agent **GENNADI DOROCHENKO** is hereby suspended for the term of his license (3-31-09), pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1900 (Grounds for Suspension or Revocation), for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1489 (a) (Grounds for Denial or Refusal of License – Felony Probation).

During the term of suspension, all licenses and license privileges of GENNADI DOROCHENKO are suspended and pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1528 (Jurisdiction of Stewards), subject is denied access to all premises in this jurisdiction.

Owner / Authorized Agent **Gennadi Dorochenko** was informed by the stewards that both of his current licenses will be suspended for their entire terms. On September 21, 2007, Owner/Authorized Agent Dorochenko pled 'no contest' and was convicted in Contra Costa Superior Court for Felony 32 P.C. (Accessory After the Fact – Murder).

07-16-08⁴ **INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – Ninth Race**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following the ninth race to investigate the actions of #3 LAMPE (Omar Figueroa) at the start. This eventual sixth place finisher stumbled and ducked inward sharply after the start, nearly unseating jockey Figueroa.

The stewards ruled that this incident was self inflicted and let the original order of finish stand. No Change.

07-16-08⁵ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

6 th race:	#1 DOMORON DOMORON (Tr. A. L. Diaz)	sick
	Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley	REFUND: \$ 898.20
	#4 AUGMENT (Tr. Rene Amescua)	sick
	Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley	REFUND: \$ 964.00
7 th race:	#2 SONIC COMIC (Tr. J. F. Martin)	unsound
	Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley	REFUND: \$1,443.80
	#3 SWISS AGE (Tr. Karen Haverty)	sick
	Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley	REFUND: \$ 833.00
	#8 ELVISHASLEFTTHEBLDG (Tr. Billy Lewis)	flipped in paddock
	Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly	REFUND: \$1,290.65

07-16-08⁶ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SCF	471	\$ 142,484.50
NCOT	2,902	\$1,119,693.70
SCOT		\$ 391,623.80
Out of State		\$ 688,317.14
TOTAL	3,373	\$2,342,119.14

Thursday

07-17-08¹ **ALLEN HASSAN vs. CORTNEY HICKMAN** (Case 08GG075) (Refer: 07-13-08¹)

The stewards placed a phone call to owner **Allen Hassan** today for the purpose of informing him of a stewards' decision after deliberation of a financial matter.

Trainer **Cortney Hickman** had originally filed a financial complaint for the amount of \$10,510 against owner Hassan. After a lengthy formal hearing the stewards ordered owner Hassan to pay trainer Hickman a total amount of \$7,410.

07-17-08² **STEWARDS' STAND VISITOR**

Doug Reed, (Director, Race Track Industry Program – University of Arizona) introduced himself this afternoon up in the judges' stand. Mr. Reed thanked the stewards for allowing the U of A intern (Patti Sears) to observe their work first hand this meet.

07-17-08³ **INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – Second Race**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign immediately following this Quarter Horse race to review two incidents. In the first incident, first place finisher #4 CARPINTERA (Gregorio Arriaga) veers inward shortly after the start and brushes third place finisher #2 HAWKIN SIX (Francisco Rubio).

In the second incident, #2 HAWKIN SIX drifts in and bumps second place finisher #1 LILA BELLE (Daniel Boag).

The stewards spoke to the riders involved and reviewed race replays. Both incidents were minor in nature and no change was made in the order of finish.

07-17-08⁴ **OBJECTION – NO CHANGE – Eighth Race**

Jockey **David Lopez** lodged a jockey objection following the running of the eighth race. Jockey Lopez was aboard third place finisher #3 CAMISADO and he claimed foul against second place finisher #1 SANFRAN (Chad Schvaneveldt) for alleged interference at the 1/8 pole.

Film review actually shows #3 CAMISADO initiate contact after a slight bump in this race. The stewards spoke with both riders involved and received a patrol judge report. The stewards unanimously ruled this incident did not warrant a disqualification.

07-17-08⁵ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

6 th race:	#4 SINGLE WING	(Tr. Allen Rogers)	sick
	Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley		REFUND: \$ 133.30
8 th race:	#6 POWER STROKIN	(Tr. Juan Gutierrez)	sick
	Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley		REFUND: \$ 731.90
9 th race:	#1 DRAW OFF	(Tr. Harley Kowalsky)	re-enter
	Stewards		NO REFUND – Entry

07-17-08⁶ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SCF	429	\$ 143,360.50
NCOT	2,795	\$1,154,839.70
SCOT		\$ 493,669.50
Out of State		\$ 773,269.50
TOTAL	3,224	\$2,565,139.20

Friday07-18-08¹ **JOCKEY FILM REVIEW**

Jockey **Jesus Arriaga** appeared in the stewards' office as ordered to review his ride in yesterday's (July 17th) second race. Jockey Arriaga was aboard #7 TRULY RULEY, who finished fourth in this race. Jockey Arriaga survived a stewards' inquiry in this race.

Film review showed jockey Arriaga altering course through the lane as he appeared to be preferring whip use over a correct use of the bridle reins for steering purposes. Jockey Arriaga was cautioned that another similar ride will result in a suspension.

07-18-08² **SMOOTH CARD**

Today's twelve (12) race card went very well as there were no stewards' inquiries and/or jockey objections.

07-18-08³ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

7 th race:	#6 STAR OF MADRAAR	(Tr. Rene Amescua)	sick
	Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley		REFUND: \$ 288.80
11 th race:	#1 GRILL N CHILLN	(Tr. William J. Morey)	sick
	Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley		REFUND: \$ 91.00

07-18-08⁴ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SCF	618	\$ 204,122.20
NCOT	3,180	\$1,242,554.00
SCOT		\$ 444,858.00
Out of State		\$ 782,608.98
TOTAL	3,798	\$2,674,143.18

Saturday

07-19-08¹ **JEFF SKULTIN FILM REVIEW**

Jockey **Jeff Skultin** appeared in the stewards' office to review his ride aboard #6 CHILLI in yesterday's third (Arabian) race. #6 CHILLI finished seventh (last) in this race. Jockey Skultin and his mount broke in sharply and then they bothered eventual second place finisher #5 IM ADORABLE TOO (Victor Navarro) before entering the far (3/8th) turn. Jockey Skultin has been riding races for less than a year. His inexperience showed in this race. He agreed with the stewards that a suspension was warranted for this ride. The following ruling was issued.

RULING NO. 5

Jockey **JEFF SKULTIN**, who rode **CHILLI** in the third race at the Solano County Fair (Vallejo) on Friday, July 18, 2008, is suspended three (3) racing days (July 26, 27 and 28, 2008) for causing interference soon after the start; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (d) & (f) (Riding Rules – careless riding).

The term of this suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races in California.

07-19-08² **INQUIRY – NO CHANGE – Third Race**

The stewards posted the inquiry sign following this mule race after viewing an incident about one hundred (100) yards after the start. Race replays show fourth place finisher #5 **GENIE-JONES** (Olivio Maldonado) break slowly and then veer outward during the early stages of this race. This action forced fifth place finisher #7 R/R CHARLIE P'S SECRET (April Boag) off his straight path. This mule was beaten four and a half lengths for fourth position. The stewards felt that this incident **did not** warrant a disqualification.

Note: A wager of at least \$70,000 to show on #5 GENIE-JONES was made on a TVG account.

07-19-08³ **INQUIRY – DISQUALIFICATION – Fifth Race**

The stewards posted the inquiry following this race to investigate two incidents. The first incident took place at the 3/8 pole and involved fourth place finisher #2 LOFTY M.D. (Juan Avila) and first place finisher #5 SEEKING THE WINS (Frank Alvarado). While there was significant contact, the stewards determined that both horses and jockeys were equally responsible for the incident and that no change was warranted.

In the second incident (1/16 pole) second place finisher #7 STAR OF THE BAR (William Antongeorgi, III) drifts out and bumps third place finisher #3 A NEW LEVEL (Modesto Linares). The stewards were of the unanimous opinion that this incident cost #3 A NEW LEVEL the slim (head) margin that he was defeated. The stewards disqualified #7 STAR OF THE BAR and placed him third. Jockey William Antongeorgi, III, was ordered to film review with the stewards.

Original Order of Finish: 5 – (7) – 3 – 2 – 6 – 1 – 4

Official Order of Finish: 5 – 3 – (7) – 2 – 6 – 1 – 4

07-19-08⁴ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

3 rd race:	#2 CHINOOK PASS	(Tr. Ruby Thomas)	lame at gate
	Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly		REFUND: \$14,551.20
	#4 SIS-Q SKIPPA LIBBY	(Tr. Ray Thomas)	no jockey
	Stewards		REFUND: \$ 331.00
7 th race:	#6 BY BALLOT	(Tr. Rene Amescua)	lame on track
	Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly		REFUND: \$32,506.40
10 th race:	#3 GOLDEN PEACH	(Tr. Jerry Hollendorfer)	sick
	Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley		REFUND: \$ 462.60
11 th race:	#3 LOBOS ROAR	(Tr. Robert Dempsey)	sick
	Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley		REFUND: \$ 21.50

07-19-08⁵ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SCF	728	\$ 235,917.50
NCOT	4,898	\$1,940,211.60
SCOT		\$ 641,879.10
<u>Out of State</u>		<u>\$ 843,742.25</u>
TOTAL	5,626	\$3,661,750.45

Sunday

07-20-08¹ **TRAINER TEST**

Steward Will Meyers spent some of the morning in the stable area. Mr. Meyers oversaw the practical (barn) portion of a trainer exam which was administered by trainer Candice Coffee.

07-20-08² **WILLIAM ANTONGEORGI, III, FILM REVIEW**

Jockey **William Antongeorgi** appeared in the stewards office as ordered to review his ride aboard #7 STAR OF THE BAR in yesterday's (July 19th) fifth race. Film review showed Jockey Antongeorgi whipping his mount while drifting out and impeding a rival, #3 A NEW LEVEL (Modesto Linares). This event led to a disqualification. Jockey Antongeorgi had sufficient time to correct his horse's erratic course but continued whip urging while drifting out.

Jockey Antongeorgi was issued a three day suspension last week (Ref: 07-06-08) by this same Board of Stewards. This very respectful gentleman understood the reasoning behind the stewards' decision to issue the following ruling.

RULING NO. 06

Jockey **WILLIAM ANTONGEORGI, III**, who rode **STAR OF THE BAR** in the fifth race at the Solano County Fair (Vallejo) on Saturday, July 19, 2008, is suspended five (5) racing days (July 27, 28, 30, 31 and August 1, 2008) for failure to maintain a straight course in the stretch and causing interference resulting in the disqualification of his mount from second to third; a violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1699 (d) & (f) (Riding Rules – careless riding).

The term of this suspension shall not prohibit participation in designated races in California.

07-20-08³ **SMOOTH CARD**

Today's eleven (11) race card went well as it was free of stewards' inquiries and/or jockey objections.

07-20-08⁴ **DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS**

4 th race:	#4 GENERAL RON S	(Tr. Peggy Hanford)	injured
	Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley		REFUND: \$ 170.00
7 th race:	#8 TIMELY BUSH	(Tr. Gordon Wells)	sick
	Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley		REFUND: \$ 71.50
9 th race:	#6 WEEVESCENT	(Tr. Marcelo Polanco)	unsound on track
	Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly		REFUND: \$17,437.50

07-20-08⁵ **ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

SCF	794	\$ 244,977.70
NCOT	4,418	\$1,585,512.60
SCOT		\$ 687,281.90
Out of State		\$ 851,248.98
TOTAL	5,212	\$3,369,020.28

Monday**07-21-08¹ PABLO FLORES FILM REVIEW**

Apprentice jockey Pablo Flores appeared in the stewards' office to review his ride in yesterday's second race. Apprentice Flores was aboard sixth place finisher #4 EAT MY STARDUST, who raced up on the heels of fifth place finisher #5 TM MARIE LAVEAU (Pablo Castillo). Apprentice Flores has already received a three (3) day suspension in his short (three week) career. He received a warning in this matter.

07-21-08² NINTH RACE OBJECTION

Following the running of this ninth race, Jockey Francisco Duran lodged a jockey's objection against first place finisher #4 MISTER STANKY (David Lopez). Jockey Duran was aboard second place finisher #5 TAKIN A BREAK. This horse was beaten a head for the win.

Race replays show these two (2) rivals make only slight contact inside the final 1/16th. Further review shows that this brushing was the result of both horse/rider combinations. The stewards unanimously voted to let the original order of finish stand in this final race of the meet.

07-21-08³ DECLARATIONS – REFUNDS

4th race: #2 SULTRY VOICE (Tr. Michael Lenzini) unsound
Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley REFUND: \$ 236.00

With the scratch of SULTRY VOICE the field was reduced to four wagering interests and in compliance with California Horse Racing Board rule 1956 (Pari-mutuel Pools) there was no show wagering offered in the fourth race. The additional refund amounted to \$40.60.

5th race: #6 THUNDER ONE (Tr. Elmer January) unsound on track
Track Veterinarian Robert Connolly REFUND: \$4,919.60

6th race: #2 CIRCA SOLEIL (Tr. Phil Oviedo) sick
Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley REFUND: \$ 190.00

9th race: #6 BEN'S STARRY NIGHT (Tr. Steve Miyadi) sick
Fitness Veterinarian Don Dooley REFUND: \$ 210.00

07-21-08⁴ ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

SCF	375	\$	101,987.30
NCOT	1,807	\$	665,192.90
SCOT		\$	290,187.30
<u>Out of State</u>		\$	<u>463,905.63</u>
TOTAL	2,182	\$	\$1,521,273.13

W E E K L Y S U M M A R Y

ATTENDANCE REPORT – The full Board of Stewards was in session each racing day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

VETERINARIAN RECOMMENDED SCRATCHES

Date	Race	No.	Horse	Trainer	Reason	Vet	Refund
16-Jul	6	1	DOMORON DOMORON	Diaz	sick	Dooley	\$898.20
		4	AUGMENT	Amescua	sick	Dooley	\$964.00
	7	2	SONIC COMIC	Martin	unsound	Dooley	\$1,443.80
		3	SWISS AGE	Haverty	sick	Dooley	\$833.00
		8	ELVISHASLEFTTHEBLDG	Lewis	flipped in paddock	Connolly	\$1,290.65
17-Jul	6	4	SINGLE WING	Rogers	sick	Dooley	\$133.30
	8	6	POWER STROKIN	Gutierrez	sick	Dooley	\$731.90
18-Jul	7	6	STAR MADRAAR	Amescua	sick	Dooley	\$288.80
	11	1	GRILL N CHILLN	Morey	sick	Dooley	\$91.00
19-Jul	3	2	CHINOOK PASS	Thomas	lame	Connolly	\$14,551.20
	7	6	BY BALLOT	Amescua	lame	Connolly	\$32,506.40
	10	3	GOLDEN PEACH	Hollendorfer	sick	Dooley	\$462.60
	11	3	LOBOS ROAR	Dempsey	sick	Dooley	\$21.50
20-Jul	4	4	GENERAL RON S	Hanford	injured	Dooley	\$170.00
	7	8	TIMELY BUSH	Wells	sick	Dooley	\$71.50
	9	6	WEEVESCENT	Polanco	unsound	Connolly	\$17,437.50
21-Jul	4	2	SULTRY VOICE	Lenzini	unsound	Dooley	\$236.00
	5	6	THUNDER ONE	January	unsound	Connolly	\$190.00
	9	6	BEN'S STARRY NIGHT	Miyadi	sick	Dooley	\$210.00

VETERINARY REPORT**Euthanized / Died**

07-15-08 Wyatts Fancy Flyer (Tr. Peggy Hanford) right superficial digital flexor tendon - training, Vallejo

Injuries

No reports submitted.

Veterinarian's List

There were twenty-eight (28) horses placed on the vet's list:

Sick: 14
Injured: 3
Unsound: 11
Bled: 0

There were twenty-one (21) horses removed from the vet's list:

Sick: 11
Injured: 6
Unsound: 2
Bled: 0

Shockwave Therapy: There were no shockwave therapy treatments reported.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE SUMMARY FOR SATELLITE FACILITIES

Anderson	137	\$46,099.00
Bakersfield	446	\$125,011.00
Bay Meadows	5024	\$1,897,420.50
Eureka	94	\$42,102.30
Fresno	454	\$182,516.30
Fresno Club One	97	\$52,180.00
Golden Gate	4161	\$1,615,444.00
Monterey	433	\$401,802.50
Pleasanton	2255	\$913,222.60
Sacramento	1719	\$628,916.50
San Jose	2019	\$804,058.40
Santa Rosa	1014	\$278,908.10
Stockton	1201	\$449,073.50
Tulare	310	\$72,550.80
Turlock	636	\$198,699.00
So. California		\$2,949,498.70
Out of State		\$4,403,092.48

	16- Jul	17- Jul	18- Jul	19- Jul	20- Jul	21- Jul	WEEK	Meet
ACCIDENTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
CAL-BRED RACES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLAIMS	3	1	2	0	0	0	6	16
DISQUALIFICATIONS	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
INQUIRIES/OBJECTIONS	1	2	0	2	0	1	6	10
REFUNDS	5	2	2	5	3	4	21	45
RULINGS	1	0	0	1	1	0	3	6

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Baker, Steward_____
Dennis Nevin, Steward_____
Will Meyers, Steward